

**MaineCare Benefits Manual**  
**Chapters II & III, Section 17, Community Support Services**

The Department of Health and Human Services held a public hearing on May 12, 2008 to obtain comments on proposed rule changes. Written comments were accepted through May 22, 2008. This document summarizes all comments received during the public comment period ending May 22, 2008.

**Comments**

**17.05-8 ACT Services**

**1. Comment-** The commenter suggested adding the following sentence to clarify the intent of the rule change “This pertains only to the month the member was admitted to service and the month the member was discharged from service.” (1)

**Response-** The Department has added the language “This pertains only to the month of admission to or discharge from the ACT service” to the final rule. The Department thanks the commenter for their comment and made no other changes to the rule based on this comment.

**2. Comment-** The commenter requested clarification of a billable day under ACT services to detail face to face and collateral contacts to allow for billing during a month when the member is enrolled in the ACT team. (1)

**Response-** Other than the month of admission and month of discharge, if a member is enrolled in the ACT service and receiving any of the components of the service listed in 17.04-4, the provider may bill for the full monthly reimbursement. The Department thanks the commenter for their comment but made no changes to the final rule based on this comment.

**3. Comment-** The commenter suggested using APS (DHHS’ authorized agent) to perform continued stay reviews to determine the need for ongoing funding of ACT services to members based on clinical information, thus in the commenter’s view removing an arbitrary nature to the reimbursement. (2)

**Response-** Please refer to the responses to questions 1 & 2 above. APS currently performs the initial and continued stay review. The Department thanks the commenter for their comment but made no changes to the final rule based on this comment.

**Commenter**

- 1) Kay Carter, Community Health and Counseling
- 2) Peter Sentner, Spurwink